

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant(s): Backes

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Title: Apparatus for Associating Access Points with  
Stations Using Bid Techniques

Attorney Docket No.: 160-055

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Examiner: Peaches

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Commissioner for Patents

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**RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of September 22, 2006, please enter this response and consider the remarks below: